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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO  
CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office  
Action dated December 12, 2003 for two (2) month(s) from January 12, 2004 to March 12, 2004. An  
Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/END-736/VEK in the name of Johnson & Johnson for  
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Respectfully submitted,

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